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FOLLOWING TEL SENT ACTION SECSTATE FROM USUN OCT 21:

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L USUN 3946

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: UNGA, PINS

SUBJECT: UN RESPONSE TO HIJACKING PROBLEM -- DEVELOPMENTS OF
OCT 19 AND 20

REF: USUN 3924

1. EVENING OCT 19 ARAB GROUP OF COMITE 6 MET AND DECIDED
OPPOSE USE OF ANY EXISTING ITEM BUT TO COOPERATE ON NEW ITEM
APPROACH.

2. ON SUGGESTION CHAIRMAN COMITE 6 (GAVARIA, COLOMBIA)
REGIONAL GROUPS WITHIN COMITE 6 MET AM OCT 20 TO DISCUSS
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RESPONSE TO SYG'S LETTER. BARODDY (SAUDI ARABIA) INTERVENED
TO STATE THAT WHATEVER REGIONAL GROUP WANTED HE URGED NEW
ITEM BE TAKEN ON PRIORITY BASIS. AFRICAN GROUP MET AND DECIDED
OPPOSE GIVING PRIORITY TO EXISTING HOSTAGES ITEM AND TO TAKE
NO POSITION ON QUESTION OF NEW ITEM. LATIN AMERICAN GROUP
DECIDED SUPPORT NEW ITEM APPROACH EXCEPT FOR MEXICO WHICH
TOOK POSITION "UN SHOULD NOT YIELD TO PRESSURE FROM PILOTS"

(SIC). WEO GROUP CAME DOWN WITH PREPONDERANT SENTIMENT FOR NEW ITEM BUT NO FIRM DECISION SINCE SWEDES HAD ACCEDDED TO REQUEST FROM SYG TO SUPPORT USING EXISTING HOSTAGE ITEM NOT NEW ITEM ROUTE. ASIAN GROUP DECIDED TO SUPPORT NEW ITEM AND EE'S EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO GO ALONG WITH WHATEVER OTHERS WANTED.

3. MEETING OF CHAIRMEN REGIONAL GROUPS WITH GAVARIA CONCLUDED THAT COMITE DID NOT SUPPORT SYG'S SUGGESTED APPROACH AND GAVARIA INSTRUCTED TO INFORM SYG.

4. AT REQUEST US AND UK WEO COMITE 6 GROUP MET TO DECIDE WHERE TO GO FROM HERE. UNDER STRONG PRESSURE FROM US AND UK, GROUP AGREED REQUEST ITS CHAIRMAN (JEANNEL, FRANCE) INFORM SYG (A) WE CONVINCED GENERAL WILL EXISTS TO SUPPORT NEW ITEM; (B) WEO GROUP WILL PREPARE DRAFT PAPERS FOR NEW ITEM AND TALK TO OPPOSITE NUMBERS IN OTHER GROUPS SO TECHNICAL ASPECTS WILL NOT DELAY MATTER IF DECISION MADE TO GO AHEAD WITH NEW ITEM.

5. ALTHOUGH IT HARD TO BE CERTAIN IT SEEMS THAT COMPARATIVELY NEGATIVE RESPONSE OF AFRICANS LARGELY DUE TO EFFORTS OF ALGERIAN DELEGATION. SEPARATE CONVERSATIONS WITH MEMBERS NIGERIAN, TANZANIAN, EGYPTIAN AND KENYAN DELEGATIONS STRONGLY SUPPORT VIEW THAT SUFFICIENT SUPPORT EXISTS FOR NEW ITEM CAPPED BY RESOLUTION WHICH DOES AT LEAST THE NECESSARY
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MINIMUM.

6. AMB LEONARD HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH UNDER SYG BUFFEM TO URGE SYG CONVENE REPRESENTATIVE GROUP OF PERMREPS TO KEEP NEW TIEM APPROACH ALIVE. SYG PLANS CONVENE CHAIRMEN REGIONAL GROUPS.

7. WEO THINKING ON NEW ITEM IS SAME AS THAT REPORTED PA PARA 5 REFTTEL I.E. TITLE WOULD BE "SECURITY OF INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AIR TRAVEL" AND MAIN POINTS OF RESOLUTION WILL BE (A) COMDEMNATION OF THE ACT; (B) REQUEST TO ICAO TO BEGIN URGENT WORK TO UPGRADE SECURITY STANDARDS; (C) REQUEST TO STATES TO RATIFY TOKYO, HAGUE, MONTREAL CONVENTIONS AND TAKE OTHER STEPS TO AVOID OCCURRANCE SUCH ACTS AND POSSIBLY; (D) REQUEST TO SYG TO REPORT BACK NEXT YEAR ON STEPS TAKEN. YOUNG UNQUOTE VANCE

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